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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/334,354-Conf. #5240
	Filing Date	June 16, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Junji Tajime
	Art Unit	2613
	Examiner Name	R. J. Lee
	Attorney Docket Number	U2054.0107/P107

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☒ Other Amendment filed April 29, 2004
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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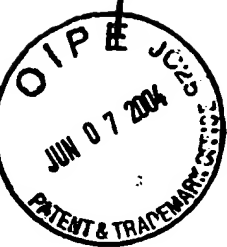
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004		Complete if Known	
Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.		Application Number	09/334,354-Conf. #5240
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		First Named Inventor	Junji Tajime
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1. BASIC FILING FEE		1804 920* 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
Large Entity Small Entity		1805 1,840* 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid		1251 110 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee		1252 420 2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee		1253 950 2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee		1254 1,480 2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee		1255 2,010 2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee		1401 330 2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00		1402 330 2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE		1403 290 2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
Total Claims -20** = Extra Claims Fee from below Fee Paid		1451 1,510 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
Independent Claims -3** =		1452 110 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		1807 50 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent		1806 180 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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